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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas et al.	Group No.: 3652
Serial No.: 09/486,280	Atty. Docket No.: 75352-001
Filed: 2-24-2000	
For: <i>Multi-Purpose Vessel and Method for Recovering, Storing and/or Offloading Material in a Dredging Operation</i>	Examiner: Janice L. Krizek

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of July 7, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendments and Remarks. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.

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